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## The Story of Joseph

# **Season 1 - Tunic of Many Colors**

Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him <u>a tunic of many colors</u>. Genesis 37:3

#### Season 2 - Garment of a Slave

So she kept his garment with her until his master came home. Genesis 39:16

### Season 3 - Clothing of a Prisoner

Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him quickly out of the dungeon; and he shaved, <u>changed his clothing</u>, and came to Pharaoh. Genesis 41:14

#### Season 4 - Garments of Fine Linen

Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Joseph's hand; and he <u>clothed him in</u> <u>garments of fine linen</u> and put a gold chain around his neck. Genesis 41:42

## 1. Person without a vision will always be a slave to their reality.

"If you aim for impossible you get maximum. If you aim for maximum you get minimum. If you aim for minimum you get nothing."

Non-dreams hate on dreamers but then end up working for them.

#### Having a dream:

- A. Gives room for the Holy Spirit
- B. Elevates you above your present
- C. Fuels your life with purpose

### 2. God does not change when the seasons do.

<u>The Lord was with Joseph</u>, and he was a successful man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. And <u>his master saw that the Lord was with him</u> and that the Lord made all he did to prosper in his hand. Genesis 39:2-3

<u>But the Lord was with Joseph</u> and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners who were in the prison; whatever they did there, it was his doing. The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph's authority, <u>because the Lord was with him</u>; and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper. Genesis 39:21-23

They took your coat but they can't take your anointing.

Stay attached to God, not to your season.

Don't judge someone based on their season.

Because God is with you:

- A. Your success doesn't depend on position but on person.
- B. Flee temptation, don't flirt with trouble.
- C. Work on your character more than reputation.

Enemy can ruin your reputation but only you can ruin your character.

Fleeing temptation shifts the season, flirting with sin delays your destiny.

## 3. Serve the dreams of others when your dreams seem dead.

Your pain is the an excuse to stop serving.

### Serving:

- A. Activates the gifts of the Holy Spirit
- B. Before you can serve palace, serve in prison
- C. Even if people forget you, God will reward you

Life is like tennis, those who serve well, seldom lose.

# 4. Your dream will improve destiny of others.

God's dream:

- A. Breaks cycle of repeated failure
- B. Elevates your family
- C. Feeds those in your sphere of influence

Breakthrough breaks the cycle Breakthrough helps your family Breakthrough feeds those around you

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